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Belief in compensation, or, that nothing is got for nothing, characterizes all valuable minds.—Emerson.

THE FAIRNESS OF THE HEARINGS

The STAR-BULLETIN is glad to hear from the Rev. Stephen L. Desha that he made no such statements on the Fisher investigation as credited to him yesterday morning. No one, however prejudiced, could have made such statements if he had followed the investigations at all closely.

Secretary Fisher has evidently not been swayed by the presence of ladies of the governor's family in the senate chamber, for the secretary has repeatedly questioned witnesses upon the specific point as to whether or not an executive here would be influenced by such family connections and social ties.

As to the statement that Fisher distorted truth in telling George R. Carter he was unaware of any lack of support for Frear by the national administration, it is quite easily disproven by a glance at the stenographic report of what actually was said. Fisher was careful to make very plain that he would discuss only what has happened during his own incumbency of office, and he explicitly stated that he would assume what Gov. Carter said of the past to be true, although because of lack of personal knowledge he could not discuss it.

Those who have been following the hearings closely have been gratified at the very temperate manner in which they have been carried on; at the spirit of fairness shown on both sides; the lack of personal rancor or petty spite; and the STAR-BULLETIN hopes this spirit will continue. The delegate's attorney has made no charges of unfairness in the hearing, nor has Kuhio. The best procedure for either party to the controversy is to keep a cool head and stick to facts and reason.

A WAVERING "COLOR LINE"

The American Bar Association has placed itself in an unenviable position by its recent action in regard to negro members. Unable to drop from its rolls the three negroes already admitted, it has nevertheless passed a resolution making it necessary to accompany recommendations for admission by a statement as to whether or not the applicant is a negro, thus virtually guarding against the admission of colored attorneys in the future.

William H. Lewis, the negro assistant attorney-general, whose admission aroused such a storm in the association, and two other colored lawyers will retain their status, thanks to the vigorous fight waged by Attorney-General Wickensham and Jacob M. Dickinson, former secretary of war. However, the net result has been that the association is not only publicly on record as opposing the admission of negroes, but is forced into a position of discriminating between members of that race, a position which several influential leaders regard as exceedingly unpleasant.

THE CAMPAIGN AND BUSINESS

That "Big Business" on the mainland is not at all disturbed by the campaign and approaching election is the unusual condition noted by the STAR-BULLETIN's Washington correspondent, who says that two reasons for this are given—first, Big Business sees nothing unfriendly in the attitude of either Roosevelt or Wilson, and therefore does not fear a possible change; and secondly, this is a year of big crops, and campaign nervousness is thereby overcome.

It is probable also that there is another reason, namely, that Big Business is getting used to political wallows and has ceased to regard them with as much seriousness as a few years back.

Prior to the time when Roosevelt opened fire on trusts and monopolies in a presidential message that stirred the country from one end to the other, Big Business had enjoyed an era of peace. Comparatively little attention had been paid to trust operations by the national administration. Roosevelt's audacious attacks were at once hailed as vicious assaults and for years the cry went up that the president was hurting the business interests of the country. Every campaign was regarded as a crisis.

Now the result of all this has been largely negative. Even such trusts as have been dissolved under the Sherman act have not been a loss to the stockholders. A recent survey of rail-

road earnings in the United States showed a steady net increase during the past four years. On every side business has prospered. The leaders have learned that regulation is not necessarily unfriendly. They have learned, moreover, that there is more smoke than fire in campaign oratory. And after a few years of this public attention they are getting used to it.

Hawaii is subelass among "other countries of the East" in an article on "Foreign Students in the United States" printed in a late issue of Consular Reports. It is bad enough to have newspapers and letter-writers and postoffice clerks display ignorance of Hawaii's true position, but it is worse to have their blunders supported by a public document of the state department, as in this case. The secretary of the interior, Mr. Fisher, ought to have his attention called to this matter while he is here, the Territory of Hawaii being under his particular jurisdiction and entitled to his protection from misrepresentation. It may be mentioned that the number of students from Hawaii is given as 105, among 4,856 "foreigners" enrolled this year as regular students in the universities and colleges of the United States. Students in preparatory schools are not included.

If Secretary Fisher can find no more severe indictment of local transportation conditions than the story of B. F. Dillingham's railroad operations, he will have little to condemn on this score, we believe. Mr. Dillingham's pioneer work has been a wonderful achievement, and it was not done at the selfish exploitation of any portion of the community or any part of the islands.

If Attorney Ashford rests Kuhio's case against the Inter-Island company on the result of his questions put to President Kennedy last Saturday, it is a pretty poor case. Ashford may have kept his principal points in reserve, but Kennedy was the man to speak with authority on Inter-Island operations and Ashford entirely failed to score any points in his examination.

U. S. District Attorney Breckons has a sort of practical way of doing politics that is not at all bad. He's going to put a plank in the territorial platform against the alienation of government land to corporations, and see what will happen to it.

Uncle Sam's troubles with Cuba, Santo Domingo, Nicaragua, Mexico and a few other countries inside the Monroe Doctrine corral ought to keep him busy enough at home to prevent his interference in that affair of Italy and Turkey.

Flora Zabelle, wife of Raymond Hitchcock, the comedian, says in her divorce proceedings that seven months is the average limit of theatrical marriages. And she evidently has no intention of raising the limit.

Gov. Wilson has explained that when he referred to the European immigrants as "scum," he meant only that American life should be kept to its standards. Of course he expects to be the standard-bearer.

Archbold of Standard Oil will soon return from Europe, and as he said he "would not lightly endure" the charges made by Roosevelt, it is up to the Colonel to prepare for action.

Now that Mrs. Porter of Los Angeles has been named a presidential elector, another occupation has been opened to woman.

Nobody else seeming anxious to build a steamship line to Los Angeles, China is going to tackle it.

Secretary Knox will have plenty of dollar-diplomacy to do when he gets back from Japan.

Wonder if the federal laws will stop moving pictures of the county convention next Thursday!

George R. Carter's Progressive Party of Hawaii is now on its way—to the mainland.

The political hammer is not being confined entirely to nailing campaign lies.

The secret ballot is the stronghold of would-be bosses of the Andrews stripe.

Too bad Madero can't resign in favor of Col. Roosevelt!

LETTERS ON TIMELY TOPICS

AS TO THE GOVERNORSHIP.
Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin.
Sir:—I beg to say that I do not quite understand what has become of the Frear-Kuhio controversy, for, so far, I can see no particular line of argument that has any bearing upon it.

I had thought, like many others, that the first thing to be done was to prove by incontestable evidence that Governor Frear has been remiss in his official capacity, or has wittingly or unwittingly favored the richer and larger interests of this Territory.

But so far, not a scrap of evidence and not even a hint of wrongdoing has been brought forward or even mentioned.

So far, not Governor Frear, but the land and homestead laws have been on trial, the administration of which has been shown to have been all that could be desired.

Now, the reappointment of Governor Frear is nothing to me, but truth and justice are, and I maintain that he should be accorded the same favor as others and be considered innocent until it has been proved that he is guilty.

Again, the assuming that none of the rich men of these islands that are connected with the large interests, by family ties or other ways, are fit to be governor of this Territory, is, to say the least, anything but flattering. It is also anything but true.

Why, I can name offhand a dozen men who are entirely trustworthy, among whom are Judge Dole, W. R. Castle, S. M. Damon, D. Scudder, and last, but not least, Governor Frear, chief of whom, however, it is admitted, is Judge Dole, and who, we believe, neither the large interests nor any body of men can influence in the slightest degree.
X. Y. Z.

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

HON. W. O. SMITH—It is something to be devoutly thankful for in advance that, in the future life we all hope to enjoy, there will be no milk wagons nor politics.

CHIEF OF DETECTIVES McDUFFIE—The Japanese, hauled in last Friday night, for gambling were ashamed to face court Saturday morning, and for that reason forfeited bail to the amount of one hundred dollars.

HARBORMASTER FOSTER—We have finally prevailed on the harbor commission to repaint the Inter-Island wharf, which will cause the removal of the misleading sign which once indicated that this wharf was used by the Matson Navigation Company.

CORONER'S JURY CENSURES RY. CO.

The Oahu Railway & Land Company received censure at the hands of a coroner's jury made up of Messrs. C. H. Neipper, James Carey, W. K. Macpherson, Fred Turrill, Ed. McCortison and George Henshall, which sat throughout Saturday afternoon and listened to testimony from witnesses concerning the death of Feodor Alexandrovitch Kommerov, a Russian who was killed on Friday by being run over by an Oahu Railroad freight train.

According to the verdict handed down by this jury, they were of the opinion that freight train No. 13, which ran down the aged Russian on Friday morning, "did not have proper lookouts stationed at the head end of the train at the time of the accident."

The verdict also lays a share of blame to the door of the deceased to the effect that "the jury further finds the accident due to carelessness on the part of the deceased."

It will be remembered that Alexandrovitch was alleged to be on his way to work at one of the pineapple canneries when he was struck by the train then proceeding in the direction of Aiea. Testimony was given by a score or more trainmen, and bystanders who witnessed the accident. In many cases it was stated that despite calls and warnings shouted to the Russian, who was walking on the track, he heeded not the approach of the train but continued on his way until hit by the first car.

J. E. GOEAS TO OPEN BIG GROCERY STORE

J. E. Goetas, for a number of years identified with the grocery business of the city has resigned his position with J. M. Levy & Co., to take the management of Goetas Grocery Co., which he will open on the first of October in the

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PERSONALITIES

HENRY HIND made a flight in an airship while in London. He says there is nothing like it—Kohala Midget.

MR. AND MRS. C. HEDEMAN returned from a pleasure trip to the mainland in the Oceanic steamship Sierra.

WILLIAM GITT, was numbered among the passengers to arrive from the mainland in the Oceanic liner Sierra this morning.

MRS. FRED G. NOYES, wife of the manager of the Hawaii Theater returned from a visit to the coast in the Sierra this morning.

J. S. ROBERTS and Mrs. Roberts were numbered among the incoming list of passengers in the Oceanic liner Sierra this morning.

MRS. T. M. CHURCH and three children are back from a vacation spent on the mainland. They returned in the Sierra this morning.

MISS BERNICE COOKE, with the local teaching staff of the city schools returned this morning in the Sierra from a vacation spent on the Pacific coast.

SAM HOP, the well known base ball player was one of the van guard of the Chinese team that returned from a successful tour of the mainland. He was a passenger in the Sierra.

R. C. COUNTS arrived here this morning from Seattle on his way to Manila, where he has accepted a position with the government. Counts was a resident of Honolulu for several years, being connected with the Rapid Transit company.

JOHN T. McCROSSON is again in Kukuhaele, having arrived Saturday from Kohala, where he was viewing the Kohala ditch. He inspected the ditch and found them all in good condition, though water is low just now. Mr. McCrosson may go to Hilo to begin work on the Kauaigh, and he will be accompanied by Engineer Jorgensen.—Kohala Midget.

CONKLING BACK ON THE COAST

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 9.—Having negotiated the sale of \$1,250,000 of bonds for public improvements in Hawaii, D. L. Conkling treasurer of the territorial government returned yesterday from the east and took apartments at the Stewart. The bonds are 20 years fours and were sold above par.

"The ease with which the bonds were sold," Conkling said yesterday, "shows the satisfaction of the bankers as to the credit and business conditions of the islands even on the eve of a presidential election. Hawaii is making preparations to meet the increased trade with the world when it is brought nearer European ports through the Panama canal. The money raised by these bonds will go for public improvements."

Conkling said that the antipathy of Prince Kalaniana'ole to Governor Frear and his administration was merely personal, and that with a man of the caliber of Walter L. Fisher, secretary of the interior, investigating the charges, the governor had nothing to fear, as the accusations made against him were groundless.

Conkling says that women's suffrage will be an issue in November in the islands and that a strong campaign is being made by the suffragists for recognition. He believes President Taft has retained his hold on the island vote and will be the choice of the electors in November.

STOCK EXCHANGE MUCH DEPRESSED

A sale of forty shares of McBryde with a quarter point drop to 6.25 was the only thing done on the Stock Exchange board this morning. There was little reported from between sessions either, and that little was cheerless in showing the first break for weeks in Oahu stock. This dropped a quarter point in sales of 20, 5 and 10 shares at 27.75. Hawaiian Commercial is unchanged at 43.50 for 23 shares.

A sale of \$6000 Natomas sixes unchanged at 94 is the only other transaction listed. It looks as if another period of depression had arrived, which likely may last until after the elections.

Sachs Building on Beretania street near Fort.

The Goetas Grocery Co. has taken two big stores in the new C. M. Cooke Building now under construction and will move into the new building about December 15. In the meantime they will do business in the temporary quarters in the Sachs Building. Mr. Goetas is well known locally and ought to command a lot of trade as the lines to be carried by his firm will be the very best. A number of local business men are associated with Mr. Goetas in his new venture.

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